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SUBJ: CCMS: EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE PROGRAM

REF: ROME 4768

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF DR. MANNELLA'S FEBRUARY 13
LETTER TO DR. SIRIGNANO, AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. BEGIN QUOTE.

"AS I INDICATED IN PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, WE RECOGNIZE
THE NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON THE TESTS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH THE
FIAT AND ALFA ROMEO VEHICLES. YOU AND THE MANUFACTURERS MAY
BE ASSURED THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO PERFORM TESTS THAT ARE
COUNTER TO THE DESIRES OF THE PARTICIPANTS."

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"TO EXPEDITE MATTERS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH YOU

THE POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FORMAL MEETING OF GOVERNMENT AND MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES AS YOU REQUESTED. INSTEAD, MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE APPROPRIATE PERSONS REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ENCLOSED LIST OF TESTS THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE FOR ONE ALFA ROMEO AND TWO FIATS. REPLY AND/OR APPROVAL BY TELEGRAM WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. IF AFTER REVIEWING THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL YOU FEEL THAT A MEETING IS STILL NECESSARY, I SUGGEST THAT IT BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, OR, BETTER STILL, AT THE DYNAMIC SCIENCE TEST SITE IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. SWIFT RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES WOULD RESULT IN EARLY SHIPMENT AND EXPEDITIOUS TESTING OF THE VEHICLES. AS YOU CAN WELL UNDERSTAND, THE SOONER THE VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR TESTING, THE MORE COMPLETE THE DATA WILL BE TO REPORT AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE IN JUNE."

"MAY I AGAIN REASSURE YOU THAT, AS WITH THE PREVIOUS TESTING OF THE FIAT ESV IN FEBRUARY 1973, ALL FINAL TEST CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH YOUR WISHES."

"THE ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ESV PROGRAM. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM YOU RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF VEHICLES, THE DATE OF THEIR AVAILABILITY, AND THE EXPENSES INVOLVED, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO

MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRINGING THEM TO THE UNITED STATES."
END QUOTE

2. COPIES OF THE LETTER WITH ENCLOSURE ARE BEING SENT BY POUCH.

3. FOR EMBASSY ONLY: FIRST TWO FIATS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN PHOENIX FOR TESTING. THIRD FIAT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BY APRIL 20.
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